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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action dated
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December 17, 2002.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When an inulin solution is kept at a high temperature for too long the chances of chemical breakdown, colour forming, hydrolysis and the formation of molecules with a low DP become greater. These problems are a function of the pH. In order to avoid them it is recommended that the inulin should be processed as quickly as possible at a pH of between 5 and 7.--